

UTAH STATE LIBRARY



MISSION: DEVELOP, PROMOTE AND ADVANCE LIBRARY SERVICES AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION



Library for the Blind Volunteer

Libraries serve everyone, and Utah State Library (USL) serves libraries. USL provides support services, training, funding and other resources to the library community, and operates a special library for blind residents in Utah and beyond. USL encourages libraries to cooperate and collaborate. USL also provides access to Utah government information through the web.

SERVING UTAH AND UTAH LIBRARIES



Library for the Blind Warehouse

Regional Library for the Blind and Disabled

These services are available to Utah residents of all ages who are blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, or learning disabled. **Materials are available free in Braille, on tape, and in large-type books.** Patrons are also eligible for the Radio Reading Service which provides local news and information.

Bookmobile Service to Rural Utah

USL provides **quality library service** to 221,988 Utahns in 17 counties through 14 Bookmobiles. These counties contract with USL to provide a level of library service comparable to those areas with locally run fixed-site libraries, including Inter-Library Loan and access to the Public Pioneer databases. Bookmobiles provide essential support and supplement inadequate school library collections with resources.



Sanpete County Bookmobile

Support for Utah's Smaller Public Libraries

Utah's smaller public libraries, primarily located in rural areas, struggle to meet the same demands imposed by citizens on larger public library systems. USL helps in meet those demands. **Material Request (InterLibrary Loan)** gives library patrons access to a wide variety of materials not available at their local library. **Reference Service** is available to respond to requests for information from these libraries as well as from users of the State Search Engine (<http://search.utah.gov>). **Training** is provided on all these services. **Summer Reading Programs** coordinated by USL, to provide public libraries with a valuable tool to encourage improved literacy among students. The **Spanish Language Outreach Project** provides training and funding for library services to Spanish-speaking communities.



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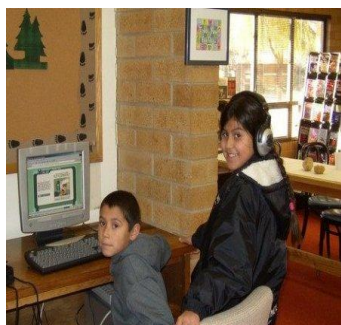




USL's Emergent Literacy Program



Emergent Literacy Trainer



Green River Library Computer Lab



Box Elder County Bookmobile

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State Publications & Government Information

USL is required by statute to collect, preserve and disseminate government information and manage the state's Depository Library System. Traditionally, this applied to print publications, but increasingly these publications are taking the form of electronic documents. USL is developing a Digital Library to provide permanent online access to state publications.

Utah Kids Ready to Read

USL has partnered with City and County Libraries to teach librarians and the public the skills children need to know before they can actually read.

Online Information Resources

USL is the home for Public Pioneer (<http://pioneer.utah.gov>) a resource that provides Utah citizens with information not available on the "free" Internet, including full-text magazines and newspapers, business resources, genealogy, auto repair and downloadable audiobooks. USL partners with the Utah Education Network and Utah's Academic Libraries to provide statewide network of quality online information. **Training** is provided for library staff members and government entities including the Utah Legislature in the use of these databases.

Library Services for State Agency and other Government Libraries

USL's **online catalog facilities** are primarily used to provide materials to smaller public libraries (see above) but are also shared with other agencies, to provide their libraries with an online interface and easily accessible and retrievable materials. This service, provided at cost to the agencies, provides efficiencies of scale and increases access to their materials. The State Law Library, the State Archives and State History currently use USL's online catalog.

Grants and Funding

The **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)** Competitive Grant Program supports information technology services, digitization, and services for underserved populations. This federal program is only available in states with state libraries. Community library enhancement fund uses state dollars to support local public library development.

Consulting Services

USL provides advice and assistance for public library directors and staff across the state that includes: technology development, grants and funding (including E-Rate, the federal program to provide discounts for internet services), library legal issues, collection development, library governance and training. USL's **Certification Program** provides standards of service for those libraries that wish to receive state and federal grants. USL annually collects and disseminates **library management data for 72 local governments**, equipping librarians, library board members, and local officials to effectively plan and evaluate their library services.